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## FROM THE EDITORS

In view of the enthusiastic response of BMC readers to previous theme issues, the editors recommended to the CHLA Board that BMC publish future issues devoted to specific themes on a regular basis. At its February 1982 meeting, the Board gave unanimous approval to this suggestion. It was agreed that a maximum of two theme issues would be published per volume, as a means of providing in-depth coverage on topics of interest to practising health librarians in Canada.

The month of April is traditionally associated with spring flowers and the annual fund-raising campaign by the Canadian Cancer Society. The editors have, therefore, chosen to devote the first regular theme issue to oncology. But why start with cancer? It has been our experience that, unless working in an oncology library, most librarians (ourselves included) feel somewhat overwhelmed when dealing with cancer information. This may be caused by the sheer complexity and variety of cancer-related diseases, coupled with the enormous volume of research and publication in this field. At some time all health librarians, regardless of the size or affiliation of their library, will be required to deal with oncology information.

As cancer is a multi-faceted and wide-ranging topic, BMC's coverage of it is correspondingly broad. This issue contains articles describing organizations and/or libraries which serve oncologists and cancer patients. In addition, two excellent bibliographies on cancer statistics and patient education will provide the non-specialist librarian with a much-needed entry point into the cancer literature. We had planned to include information on cancer databases as well as national cancer organizations; however, dreaming in technicolour is an editor's occupational hazard. We hope that this issue will provide practical information which is often difficult to obtain unless you work regularly with this specialized subject.

We have been encouraged in this ambitious undertaking to publish regular theme issues by the response from the CHLA membership and, in particular, by the number of suggestions and well-written articles which we have received. To provide you with more theme issues in the future, we now need to hear your suggestions for topics. Please keep the cards and letters coming!

DEBORAH BAILLIE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

BONITA STABLEFORD  
EDITOR

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

- ANN D. MANNING  
President, CHLA

This is my final President's column. The two years have flown by, but I feel no regret that they are coming to an end. Since in my second year of the CHLA presidency I was also president of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL), I fear both organizations may have suffered. We have converted CHLA to a one-year presidency, effective with the coming year, while at the same time CACUL has converted from a one-year to a two-year term. Time will tell which organization was right.

I cannot point with pride to any major accomplishments during this term of office, but CHLA is financially solvent; the concern with regional representation on the Board of Directors has been, at least temporarily, laid to rest; two new committees have been formed; and one successful conference is behind us, with another immediately ahead.

The Board at its last meeting voted life membership to two of our founding members, Babs Flower and Eileen Bradley. Both retired last year, and both have been very active in the Association, Babs as president from 1977-79, and Eileen in committee work, particularly with the by-laws. I hope we shall continue to hear from them, and to see them at annual meetings.

Finally, I should like to thank the executive, the committee convenors and members, the B.M.C. editors, and all the people who have worked so hard on the last two conferences. As long as the Association continues to have members as dedicated as you, it will, I am sure, grow and prosper.

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## UN MOT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

- ANN D. MANNING  
Président ABSC

C'est la dernière fois que je vous écris à titre de présidente. Deux années se sont envolées, mais je ne regrette pas leur disparition. Durant la deuxième année de mon mandat à la présidence de l'ABSC, j'ai été présidente également de l'Association canadienne des bibliothèques de collège et d'université (ACBCU), et je crains que l'une et l'autre association n'en aient souffert. La présidence de l'ABSC s'exercera par mandats d'un an à compter de l'année qui vient, tandis que celle de l'ACBCU durera désormais deux ans. Le temps décidera qui avait raison.

Je ne peux me vanter d'aucune réalisation majeure durant mon mandat, mais l'ABSC est solide financièrement. Les inquiétudes au sujet de la représentation régionale au sein du Conseil d'administration sont assouvies, du moins pour le moment. Deux nouveaux comités ont été constitués et nous avons une conférence bien réussie à notre crédit, puis une autre très bientôt.

A sa dernière réunion, le Conseil d'administration a admis deux membres fondatrices, Babs Flower et Eileen Bradley, au rang de membres à vie. Toutes deux ont pris leur retraite l'an dernier et toutes deux ont été très actives au sein de l'Association, Babs à titre de présidente de 1977 à 1979 et Eileen au sein des comités, celui du règlement en particulier. J'espère que nous aurons le plaisir de les revoir, à l'occasion des assemblées annuelles entre autres.

Pour terminer, je tiens à remercier le Bureau, les responsables et les membres des comités, la rédaction de B.M.C. et tous ceux et celles qui ont participé si activement aux deux dernières conférences. Tant que l'Association aura des membres aussi actifs, elle pourra, j'en suis sûre, croître et prospérer.

## CANADIAN CANCER STATISTICS: A SOURCE LIST

- CAROL MORRISON  
Librarian, Ontario Cancer Institute

Statistics play an important role in cancer research. Epidemiological studies have led to the association of smoking and lung cancer, the recognition of industrial carcinogens and the connections that are now being made between diet and cancer. Although most statistical work focuses on the prevention of cancer, the effectiveness of various treatment methods can also be measured by the analysis of statistics.

The following is not a definitive list of all Canadian material on cancer statistics. I have tried to indicate the type of material available by including some international publications, the important national compilations and selected provincial reports. Most cancer clinics and provincial registries have produced statistical reviews or annual reports and the directories cited will provide the addresses and phone numbers of these centres. Vital statistics, published annually by the provinces and federal government, also have information on cancer deaths. Information on the Ontario Cancer Registry system is included, along with the national system because Ontario is not yet participating fully in the national programme.

### A. DIRECTORIES AND GUIDES

1. Statistics Canada. Directory of Health Division information. Ottawa, 1980.
2. Statistics Canada. Finding and using statistics: a basic guide from Statistics Canada. Ottawa, 1980.
3. Statistics Canada. Historical catalogue of Statistics Canada publications 1918-1980. Ottawa, 1981.
4. Statistics Canada. Statistics Canada catalogue, 1983. Ottawa, 1983.  
- published annually with supplements.
5. Union Internationale Contre le Cancer. International directory of specialized cancer research and treatment establishments. 3rd. ed. Geneva: UICC, 1982  
- there are twenty-one Canadian entries in the third edition. Data is included under sixteen headings including annual cancer patient statistics, projected expenditures and fields of activity.
6. U.S. National Cancer Institute. Directory of cancer research information resources. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1981.  
- published every two years, this directory covers worldwide sources of cancer information.

### B. CANCER REGISTRIES

Cancer registries are collections and analyses of data on cancer patients. They are the foundation of most statistical reports on cancer and their accessibility has been greatly increased by the use of the computer to store and manipulate the data. Canada established a national cancer registry in 1969; all provinces and territories, with the exception of Ontario, participate in this national reporting system.

## I. NATIONAL CANCER INCIDENCE REPORTING SYSTEM

Vital Statistics and Disease Registries Section  
Health Division, Statistics Canada  
Tunney's Pasture  
Ottawa, K1A 0Z5                                  Phone: (613) 995-9593

- established January, 1969.
- collects data from all provincial cancer registries, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon.
- contains data for all of Canada from 1969 - 1971; Canada, excluding Ontario, from 1972 to the present.
- will provide special tabulations and analyses of cases.
- responsible for the Statistics Canada publication Cancer in Canada. The incidence data for Cancer in Canada comes from the provincial cancer registries, the morbidity data from the Hospital Services Commission, and mortality data from Vital Statistics.

## 2. ONTARIO CANCER REGISTRY

The Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation  
7 Overlea Boulevard  
Toronto, Ontario  
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- established 1964.
- collects data for the province from the six Foundation Regional Treatment Centres, the Princess Margaret Hospital, the Ontario Ministry of Health, the Hospital Medical Records Institute, The Ontario Registrar General, and departments of pathology.
- will provide special tabulations, case identification and survival analyses.
- a report is published in the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation annual report Cancer in Ontario.

## C. CANSIM

Cancer morbidity and mortality statistics are available through the Canadian Socio-economic Information System (CANSIM), a cross-classified data base. The data on this file is more current than that available through published reports. Access can be obtained through the regional offices of Statistics Canada or from CANSIM Headquarters.

CANSIM  
Statistics Canada  
R. H. Coats Building  
Tunney's Pasture  
Ottawa, K1A 0T6    Phone: (613) 995-0575

## D. INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

(include data from all provinces except Ontario)

1. Doll, R., Payne, P., and Waterhouse, J., ed. Cancer incidence in five continents, Volume I. Geneva: International Union Against Cancer, 1966.

2. Doll, R., Muir, C.S., and Waterhouse, J., ed. Cancer incidence in five continents, Volume II. Geneva: International Union Against Cancer, 1970.
3. Waterhouse, J.A.H., Muir, C.S., Correa, P., and Powell, J., ed. Cancer incidence in five continents, Volume III. IARC Scientific Publications No. 15. Lyon, France: International Agency for Research on Cancer, 1976.
4. Hirayama, T., Waterhouse, J.A.H., and Fraumeni Jr., J.F., ed. Cancer risks by site. UICC Technical Report Series - Volume 41. Geneva: International Union Against Cancer, 1980.
5. Stukonis, M.K. Cancer cumulative risk based on the three volumes of Cancer incidence in five continents. IARC Internal Technical Report No. 79/004. Lyon, France: International Agency for Research on Cancer, 1979.
6. Stukonis, M.K. Cancer incidence cumulative rates. International comparison based on data from Cancer incidence in five continents. IARC Internal Technical Report No. 78/002. Lyon, France: International Agency for Research on Cancer, 1978.

#### E. NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Statistics Canada publications  
(listed chronologically with Statistics Canada catalogue numbers)
  2. Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Cancer mortality in Canada and the provinces, 1921 - 1944. Ottawa, 1947. (84-D-50)
  3. Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Cancer mortality by site 1950 - 1963. Ottawa, 1966. (84-521)
  4. Statistics Canada. Vital statistics: cancer mortality by site, 1960 - 1973. Ottawa, 1977. (84-534)
  5. Statistics Canada. Cancer mortality by sub-provincial areas, 1960 - 62, 1965 - 67, 1970 - 72. Ottawa, 1976. (84-535)
  6. Statistics Canada. New primary sites of malignant neoplasms in Canada. Ottawa, 1969 - 1975. (82-207)
    - published annually from 1969 to 1975.
  7. Statistics Canada. Cancer in Canada. Ottawa, 1969/70 - (82-207)
    - supersedes 'New Primary sites of malignant neoplasms in Canada'.
    - published annually from 1969/70 to present. (Latest available 1978.)
8. Canada. Bureau of Epidemiology. Laboratory Centre for Disease Control. Health Protection Branch. Cancer patterns in Canada, 1931 - 1974. Ottawa, 1977.
9. Canada. Bureau of Epidemiology, Health and Welfare Canada. Mortality atlas of Canada. Vol. 1 - Cancer; Vol. 2 - General mortality. Ottawa, 1980.  
Vol. 3 - Urban Mortality - Due October 1983.
10. Howe, G. R., Lindsay, J., and Miller, A.B. "Cancer incidence and mortality in relation to occupation in 700,000 members of the Canadian labour force." Cancer Detect Prev 1980; 3(2):487-97.
11. Phillips, A.J. Cancer mortality trends in Canada and the provinces 1944 - 1963. Toronto: The National Cancer Institute of Canada, 1965.

12. Phillips, A.J. "Mortality from cancer of the lung in Canada, 1931 - 1952." Can Med Assoc J 1954; 71:242-244.
13. Phillips, A.J., and Owchar, M. Mortality trends in Canada for various sites of cancer. Toronto: The National Cancer Institute of Canada, 1955.
14. Seidman, H., Selikoff, I.J., and Hammond, E.C. "Mortality of brain tumors among asbestos insulation workers in the United States and Canada." Ann NY Acad Sci 1982; 381:160-71.
15. Selikoff, I.J., Hammond, E.C., and Seidman, H. "Latency of asbestos disease among insulation workers in the United States and Canada." Cancer 1980; 46(12):2736-40.

Mortality and Morbidity

16. Statistics Canada. Causes of death. Provinces by sex and Canada by sex and age. Ottawa, 1965 - (84-203)
  - published annually since 1965.
  - provides detailed data on cancer mortality listed according to the categories of the International Classification of Diseases.
17. Statistics Canada. Hospital morbidity. Ottawa, 1968 - (82-206)
  - published annually since 1968.
  - contains data on hospital separations with a primary diagnosis of cancer.

Further information on mortality and morbidity data can be found in the Statistics Canada catalogues.

F. PROVINCIAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Alberta. Provincial Cancer Hospitals Board. Cancer statistics, Alberta, Canada, 1969/70. Edmonton, 1970
2. Alberta. Provincial Cancer Hospitals Board. The incidence of cancer in Alberta, 1968 report. Edmonton, 1968.
3. Barclay, T.H.C. Gastric cancer in Saskatchewan, 1932 - 1955. Regina: Saskatchewan Cancer Commission, 1958.
4. British Columbia Cancer Institute. British Columbia Cancer Institute, Vancouver; Five year results of treatment 1946 - 1954, with synopsis of treatment policy. Vancouver, 1961.
5. King, H.S., Wigle, D.T., Hill, G.B., and Silins, J. "Uterine cancers in Alberta; trends of incidence and mortality." Can Med Assoc J 1982; 127(7):591-4.
6. Ontario. Department of Health. Division of Medical Statistics. Cancer mortality by age and sex, Ontario, 1924 - 1958. Toronto, 1960.
7. Ontario. Department of Health. Division of Medical Statistics. Mortality trends for certain sites of cancer, Ontario, 1950 - 1959. Toronto, 1960.
8. Ontario. Department of Health. Medical Statistics Branch. Cancer mortality by age, sex, and site of disease, Ontario, 1931 - 1960. Toronto, 1962.
9. Saskatchewan. Cancer Commission. Results of treatment of cancer in Saskatchewan, 1932 - 1944 (inclusive). Regina: King's Printer, 1951.
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13. Thouez, J.P., Beauchamp, Y., Dubois, A., and Simard, A. "Cartography and incidence of certain malignant tumors in the Province of Quebec (1971 - 1975)." Union Med Can 1981; 110(9):798-802.
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#### FURTHER ADVICE TO JOINT CHLA AND CLA REGISTRANTS

All CHLA registrants who will also attend the CLA conference and continue their reservations at the Marlborough Inn should be aware that the hotel rates will remain the same, despite the fact that those delegates who will stay at the Marlborough and register for the CLA conference only will be paying higher rates.

If you require further information contact the

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331 Smith Street,  
Winnipeg, Man.  
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## THE PALLIATIVE CARE FOUNDATION INFORMATION SERVICES

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Palliative Care Foundation

### The Palliative Care and Hospice Movement

Dr. Dorothy Ley, the Executive Director of the Palliative Care Foundation, has defined palliative care as the active, compassionate care of the terminally ill at a time when their disease is no longer responsive to traditional treatment aimed at cure or prolongation of life, and when the control of symptoms -- physical and emotional -- is paramount. It is multidisciplinary in its approach and encompasses the patient, the family and the community in its scope. (1) Because of the importance of pain and symptom control in cancer patients, many of the patients who receive or who would benefit from palliative care do, in fact, have cancer. However palliative care should not be thought of as being restricted to cancer patients since any patient at the terminal stages can potentially benefit from the palliative care approach.

The concept of the hospice originated as a place where travellers could find rest and protection at the time of the Crusades. This old idea was revived through the work of Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and Dame Cicely Saunders during the sixties and seventies as they strove to reawaken society's concern about the humane care of the dying. St. Christopher's Hospice, outside London, England was developed by Cicely Saunders and represents the prototype of the modern, free-standing hospice. As well as providing inpatient services, St. Christopher's offers a variety of ancillary services such as home care advisory services to general practitioners, consultation to local hospitals and a study centre which does research into pain relief and symptom control.

While a number of free-standing hospices have been set up in both Britain and the United States, several other models of palliative care have also emerged. In North America one of the most successful and extensive palliative care programs is the McGill Palliative Care Program, formerly known as the Royal Victoria Hospital Program. The program started as a Palliative Care Unit in a public general hospital in which inpatient services were complemented by an extensive home care and bereavement follow-up program. More recently, through an affiliation with McGill University Medical School and through an emerging network of institutions, the program provides a wide range of services and professional training opportunities. The palliative care unit approach has been followed in a number of other Canadian centres although some hospitals are attempting to integrate palliative care throughout their institutions by using specially trained health care teams or nurse specialists. In some cases, certain beds on a ward will be allocated for palliative care while in others such beds will be scattered throughout the hospital. (2) A recent survey conducted by the Foundation found over 120 palliative care programs in operation throughout Canada.

### The Foundation

The Palliative Care Foundation was established in 1981 to provide a non-partisan, apolitical, non-profit source of assistance for the development of the field of palliative care. Although there have been many "grass roots" efforts in the palliative care field, there has been a lack of coordination and services at the national and international levels which have hampered progress. The Foundation began by conducting an international review of the field in order to study the different approaches to the care of the terminally ill that have been developed in Canada and elsewhere. This review affirmed the need for an independent, objective

non-governmental organization which could improve communication among workers in palliative care, provide comprehensive information about activities in the field, assist in the development of educational tools for providers and recipients of care and inform the community at large. At this point the Foundation decided to develop programs in three areas: education, research, and information services. At the present time, the Foundation is privately funded; however, it is expected that additional sources of support will be forthcoming over the next few months.

#### The Information Services

Originally a small-scale bibliography was planned to support the international review of palliative care undertaken by the Foundation. However, it soon became obvious that lack of bibliographic control and wide dispersion of the literature among different disciplines were major problems in the field. The bibliography project was subsequently enlarged to include the compilation of a major bibliography that would be of use to the health care community at large and to explore the possibility of developing an online database. In addition to the bibliographic needs that were identified, there was also a need for professionals and consumers in the palliative care field to have a mechanism for getting in touch with one another. Hence the idea of a human resources databank was formed.

Since palliative care is a movement which involves the patient, the family and the community in addition to health professionals, it was clear from the outset that any information services that were developed should be suitable for all of these groups. The information service, which has been in operation since January 1983, has the following objectives:

1. to assess the information needs of health care providers, consumers, policy makers, administrators, and researchers in the field;
2. to provide a set of information services which will eventually include:
  - a computerized online bibliographic database;
  - a printed bibliography;
  - a human resources databank in computerized form which can be used to generate a series of directories;
  - information packages on various aspects of palliative care for both professionals and consumers;
3. to develop a specialized library collection of books, reprints, and fugitive materials in palliative care to support the Information Services; and
4. to evaluate the effectiveness of the Information Services.

The offices of the Palliative Care Foundation are located in the same building as the Toronto Academy of Medicine. Thus the Information Services can rely on the basic medical collection in the Academy Library for answering information requests. An arrangement is being made with the Academy to augment the collection in the area of palliative care and a reprint collection is being planned. The first edition of The Canadian Palliative Care Directory is about to be published and a 2500 reference international bibliography will be issued later in the summer. Various options are currently being considered for mounting an online database. A number of these activities are being planned in cooperation with other groups in the field such as the National Hospice Organization in the United States and the recently formed British Hospice Information Service. It is hoped that the activities of the Foundation will provide the leadership and communication that is necessary to support and facilitate the growth of the palliative care movement in Canada and abroad.

For further information, contact the Palliative Care Foundation by writing to  
288 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1V8.

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### LIBRARY SERVICE TO THE TORONTO BAYVIEW CLINIC

- LINDA McFARLANE,  
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Sunnybrook Medical Centre

On November 30, 1981, the Toronto Bayview Clinic (TBC) was opened at Sunnybrook Medical Centre. Care is offered to oncology patients by both TBC, a clinic of the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation, and Sunnybrook Medical Centre. There are facilities within the clinic for patients to receive chemotherapy or radiation therapy on an outpatient basis; those patients receiving surgical treatment or for other reasons needing hospital care are admitted to Sunnybrook Medical Centre. Physicians holding appointments to the Toronto Bayview Clinic are also appointed to the staff of Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

Sunnybrook Medical Centre is a teaching hospital owned by the University of Toronto with approximately 1100 beds. It has for many years offered an extensive library service. Holdings currently amount to 20,000 volumes and approximately 7,000 volumes a year are borrowed on interlibrary loan. Sunnybrook was one of the first hospital libraries in Canada to offer MEDLINE searches and last year ran more than 500 searches.

Because of the close interrelationship of the clinic and the hospital, it seemed reasonable to offer an integrated library service. The mechanism adopted was to create a new position for a Library Technician who would work in the clinic and report to the Manager of the Health Sciences Library of Sunnybrook Medical Centre. Peggy Kee, who had already worked at Sunnybrook for several years, was appointed to this position.

Sixteen months after its opening, the TBC library has 500 books and 64 current subscriptions. An integrated catalogue and the exchange of acquisitions lists help to avoid unnecessary duplication and make the maximum use of available resources. Access to the hospital's library collection and services is freely available to all members of the TBC staff. The objective is to provide the staff of the Toronto Bayview Clinic with a high quality library service with the least duplication of resources and effort.

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## ONCOLOGY INFORMATION SERVICE: UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS (UK)

- CATHERINE HARE  
 Assistant Oncology Information Officer  
 University of Leeds (UK)

The Oncology Information Service (OIS) was set up in 1974 to satisfy the information needs of clinicians and researchers working on cancer in the Yorkshire Regional Health Authority. It is funded by the Department of Health and Social Security through the Yorkshire Regional Cancer Organization and now provides a national service within the UK via Regional Health Authority centres, as well as having a considerable number of subscribers world wide.

The service is based in the Medical and Dental Library at the University of Leeds and is staffed by people who are trained in information work but who are not medically qualified. There are four main strands to the work of the OIS.

### Production of Current Awareness Bulletins (CAB's)

By scanning approximately 1700 journals, the OIS produces a series of 17 monthly clinical CAB's each devoted to a different aspect of cancer and two bi-monthly titles, one designed for nursing staff and the other on aspects of pain and pain relief. Each bulletin lists up-to-date references, in most cases with further subdivisions (e.g. aetiology, diagnosis, and endocrine aspects of breast cancer) and includes book reviews and announcements of forthcoming conferences. The subjects of the bulletins are as follows:

Breast cancer	Haematological cancer	Paediatric cancers
Bone and soft tissue	Head and neck cancers	Cancer radiotherapy
Gynaecological cancers	Immunological aspects	Thoracic cancers
Cancer chemotherapy	Community medicine aspects*	Tumour markers
Genetics and cancer	Skin cancer	Urogenital cancers
Brain and nervous system cancers	Digestive tract cancers	
BI-MONTHLY:	Relief of pain in cancer	
	Cancer information bulletin for nursing staff	

\* This includes: health education and prevention of cancer, screening and early diagnosis, environmental causes and industrial hazards, smoking, cancer registration, epidemiology and aetiology, terminal care, rehabilitation and psychological aspects. The Nursing and Pain bulletins include abstracts.

A spiral-bound library edition made up of a complete set of monthly bulletins (plus the Nursing and Pain bulletins every 2 months) is now available.

### Computerised Retrospective Searches

Retrospective searches are done in response to requests from individuals with more specific information requirements. The majority of searches are carried out on the MEDLINE databases.

Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI)

Either monthly or quarterly SDI enables the individual to keep up-to-date with the literature relating to his particular interest, and is a logical follow-up to a retrospective search.

General Enquiry Service

The OIS also carries out straightforward manual searches and attempts to fulfil other, more general information needs, such as requests for addresses, verification of references, etc.

If you would like to know any more about the OIS or would like to subscribe to our CAB's or need help with a particular enquiry, please contact us. The address is:

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**NEW PUBLICATION**The Impact of CME: An Annotated Bibliography

This bibliography brings together 179 reports and articles on evaluated CME (Continuing Medical Education) programs. CME is broadly defined to include formal and informal programs from journal reading to administrative interventions such as audit to annual conferences. It is intended for CME providers, educators, researchers and any other individual interested in his own CME.

CME and its effectiveness is a very important medical question because of shrinking education budgets, growing body of knowledge and possible clinical obsolescence and mandatory participation for recertification. The bibliography has the usual tables, indexes and annotations and includes a score for each article in the five categories of study design, health care professional, intervention, evaluation, and significance. This scoring is an attempt to evaluate the literature. The scoring system was devised by clinicians, educators, and epidemiologists and done by a librarian.

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# PATIENT CANCER INFORMATION LIBRARY CANCER CONTROL AGENCY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (CCABC)

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## CCABC PATIENT INFORMATION LIBRARY LIST (Revised February, 1983)

This list of books and pamphlets for the adult cancer patient, their families and the general public has been divided into two parts:

- I The first lists material which is current and which has received the highest recommendation from a committee of cancer specialists: physician, nurse, chaplain, social worker, librarian;
- II The second lists material that deserves mention and is worthwhile but which may be partially unsuitable for various reasons: includes harsh prognostic information; is somewhat dated; is biographical and of less general interest.

Many books on cancer for the public are not included in these lists as they were considered after screening by our CCABC committee of health professionals to be inaccurate or unsuitable. U.S. National Cancer Institute pamphlets and American Cancer Society pamphlets on various cancer sites are useful but may be dated.

### 1. RECOMMENDED

#### BRAIN

About meningiomas. pamphlet. Source: Association for Brain Tumor Research. 6232 North Pulaski Road. Chicago, Illinois. 60646.

About shunts. pamphlet. Source: as above.

Radiation therapy of brain tumors. pamphlet. Source: as above.

#### BREAST

Breast exams: what you should know. (NIH) 80-2000. By the U.S. National Cancer Institute, 1980. pamphlet. Source: U.S. National Cancer Institute, Office of Cancer Communications. Bethesda, M.D. 20205.

Breast reconstruction: creating a new breast contour after mastectomy. (NIH) 81-2151. By the U.S. National Cancer Institute, 1981. pamphlet. Source: as above.

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#### EDITORS' NOTE:

Only the first part of the bibliography is enclosed. The second part is available upon request from:

Library  
Cancer Control Agency of British Columbia  
2656 Heather Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 3J3

Breast self-examination: it could save your life. By the Canadian Cancer Society, 130 Bloor St. West, Suite 1001, Toronto, Ont. M5S 2V7 or your local CCS office.

Canadian Cancer Society: Facts on Breast Cancer. 1982. pamphlet.

An illustrated pamphlet giving recent treatment information.

Source: Provincial CCS offices or head office: Canadian Cancer Society, 130 Bloor St. West, Suite 1001, Toronto, Ontario. M5S 2V7.

The Facts about cancer... By C.E. McKhann - see chapter on breast cancer.  
Listed in full under "GENERAL" in this list.

Post-mastectomy: a personal guide to physical and emotional recovery. by Win Ann Winkler. 1976. 197pp. index. illus.

A good practical guide, includes rehabilitative exercises and an illustrated chapter on clothing suggestions by a mastectomy patient.

Source: Hawthorn Books Inc., New York. (NOW OUT OF PRINT)

Why me? What every woman should know about breast cancer to save her life. By Rose Kushner. Revised ed. 1982. 427 pp; index, paperback, illus.

This is a factual, well-indexed book written by a post-mastectomy patient. Lacks full coverage of rehabilitative exercises.

Source: W.B. Saunders, Toronto, Philadelphia.

#### CHEMOTHERAPY

Chemotherapy and you: a guide to self-help during treatment. (NIH) 80-1136. By the U.S. National Cancer Institute. 1980. Source: as above.

The Facts about cancer... BY C.E. McKhann - see chapter on drug therapy.  
Listed in full under "General" in this list.

Medicine for the Layman: cancer treatment. By Vincent de Vita. (NIH 81-1807). pamphlet, illus.

This pamphlet has a good section on all aspects of cancer treatment with a particularly useful description with illustrations of cancer chemotherapy effect at the cellular level.

Source: U.S. National Cancer Institute. Office of Cancer Communications, Bethesda, MD 20205.

#### GASTROINTESTINAL

Ileal pouch procedure: a new outlook for the person with an ileostomy. By Barbara Cox and Arlene Wentworth (Mayo Foundation) 2nd ed., 1977. This booklet provides complete information required by the person who has undergone lower intestinal surgery. Source: Schmidt Printing, Rochester, MN.

The Ostomy book: living comfortably with colostomies, ileostomies and urostomies. By Barbara Mullen and Kerry McGinn. 1980. illus., glossary. 236 pp.

This is a recent and useful book for ostomy patients and family.  
Source: Bull Publishing Co. P.O. Box 208, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

#### GENERAL

And a time to live: toward emotional well-being during the crisis of cancer. By Robert C. Cantor, M.D. 1978. bibliog., 280 pp.

This book written by an oncology specialist is to be recommended particularly for its sections on coping with marriage and sexual problems in the family with cancer. Source: Harper and Row, New York.

Cancer care: a personal guide. By Howard Glucksberg, M.D. and Jack Singer, M.D. 1980. glossary, index. 414 pp.

Although certain parts of this book include specific information on prognosis which may not be suitable for all patients, it is to be recommended for its accuracy, readability and completeness.

Source: John's Hopkins Univ. Press, Baltimore

A Comprehensive guide for cancer patients and their families. By Ernest H. Rosenbaum, M.D. 1979. paperback. illus. 279 pp. This book is a major achievement in publishing for cancer patients and their families. It brings together most of the problems needing attention: psycho' gical, nutritional, sexual, rehabilitative, etc. Chapters may be conveniently purchased separately. Excludes information on treatment for which "The Facts about cancer..." is recommended.

Source: Bull Publishing Co. P.O. Box 208, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

The Facts about cancer: a guide for patients, family and friends.

By Charles E. McKhann, M.D. 1981. illus., Glossary. Index. paperback. This is the best all around book on all aspects of cancer that is currently available for the patient. It is very informative and complete and is not upsetting to the patient. The first choice for cancer patient libraries. Source: Prentice-Hall, Toronto. New York.

Getting well again. By O. Simonton, et al. 1980. illus. biblio. index. paperback. 245 pp.

This is a controversial but worthwhile "guide to overcome cancer for patients and their families." It teaches relaxation and positive mental imagery which may be beneficial to some cancer patients if referred to the book by a health professional. Patients like the book.

Source: Bantam Books, Toronto, New York.

In the company of others. By Jory Graham. 1982. index. appendices.

Autobiographical. Emotions, reactions well-described. Good chapter on anger. Source: Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, New York.

The Indispensable cancer handbook. By Kathryn Salsbury and Eleanor Johnson. 1981. Contents. appendices. illus. paperback. 378pp. Well-illustrated and including excellent appendices not available elsewhere on diagnostic tests, drugs listed for treatment of cancer types etc. Good for quick reference like "Choices" with some inaccuracies, e.g. Methotrexate must be given in hospital e.g. side effect of radiation - hair-loss, no indication that hair-loss is common only for head irradiation. Otherwise recommended as a good reference source book. Source: Wideview Books, New York.

Relaxation and mental imagery as applied to cancer therapy. (AUDIO-CASSETTE) By O. Carl Simonton. 1974.

Similar to Getting well again but in audiocassette format. Particularly good for relaxation exercises. Source: Cancer Counselling and Research Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

#### GENITO-URINARY

The Facts about cancer... By C.E. McKhann. see chapters on prostate, gynecology, testes, kidney, bladder, etc. Listed in full under "GENERAL" in this list.

New Choices, new chances: a woman's guide to conquering cancer.

By Rita Esposito-Watson and Robert C. Wallach, 1981. 273 pp. One of the few books providing recent and reliable information

for women on gynecologic cancer, with some coverage of breast cancer.

Source: St. Martin's Press, New York

### GRIEF, DEATH

#### a. FOR ADULTS

Healing grief. By Amy J. Jensen. 1980. illus. pamphlet. 22pp.

A very helpful and loving pamphlet encouraging acceptance of grief.

Source: Medic Publ. Co. P.O. Box 0, Issaquah, WA 98027.

How to survive the loss of a love. By Melba Colgrove et al. 1976. 119 pp. Written by a psychologist, this is a practical manual for emotional survival, a guide for overcoming grief.

Source: Leo Press (Bantam), N.J.

Someone you love is dying: a guide for helping and coping. By Martin Shepard. 1975. illus. bibliog. 219pp.

This excellent book encourages family sharing of death, and covers practical and emotional problems in coping and bereavement.

Source: Harmony Books, New York.

#### b. FOR CHILDREN

Learning to say goodbye: when a parent dies. By Eda LeShan. 1977. illus.

This is one of the few books which helps terminally ill parents to explain to their children about dying. For children aged eight and up.  
Source: MacMillan, New York; Toronto.

Loss and how to cope with it. By Joanne Bernstein, 1977. index. illus. bibliog. 151pp.

Also written for children, this book explains grief well, in simple terms so that it makes sense in a non-threatening way.

Source: Houghton Mifflin / Clarion Books, New York.

### HEAD AND NECK

Looking forward: a guide book for the laryngectomee. By R.L. Keith et al. (Mayo Foundation) 1977. glossary, illus. 54 pp.

Another of the excellent Mayo booklets for patients.

Source: Schmidt Printing Inc. P.O. Box 6006, Rochester, MN 55901.

### LEUKEMIA, LYMPHOMA (INCLUDING HODGKIN'S) AND MULTIPLE MYELOMA

The Facts about cancer... By C.E. McKhann. see chapter on leukemia, Hodgkin's, etc. Listed in full under "GENERAL" on this list.

Hodgkin's disease: a patient teaching tool. By Charlotte Jacobs. 14pp. illus.

A well-presented, accurate teaching tool for the more curious patient.

Recommended. Source: An article reprinted from Cancer Nursing / April 1979 issue. pp.153-166.

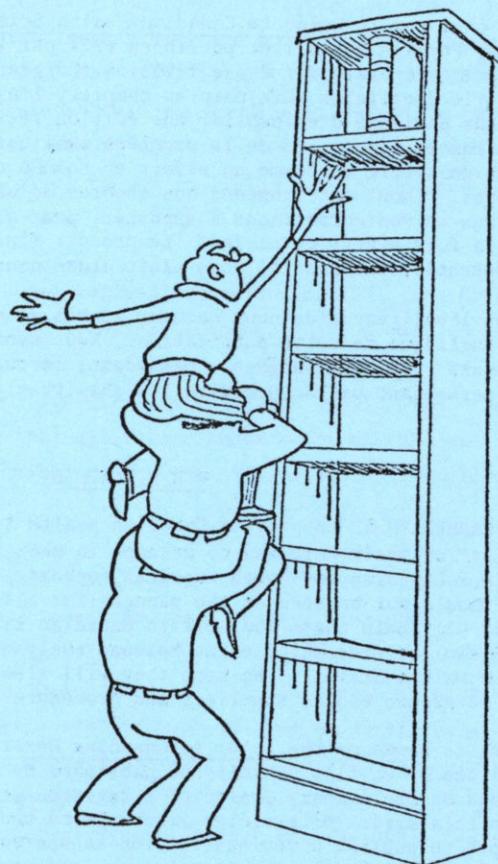
Leukemia: looking towards tomorrow: a patient's handbook. 1977. By the American Cancer Society. 1977. pamphlet.

Source: American Cancer Society, New York.

What you need to know about adult leukemia. (NIH) 80-1572. By the U.S. National Cancer Institute. 1980. pamphlet. Source: as above.

What you need to know about multiple myeloma. (NIH) 80-1575. By the U.S. National Cancer Institute. 1980. pamphlet. Source: as above.

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## AVANT-PROPOS

Le but envisagé par la publication de CANHEALTH est de fournir un "contenu canadien" du travail des bibliothèques canadiennes des sciences de la santé et de tenter de situer ces bibliothèques dans le plus large contexte canadien et nord-américain. CANHEALTH n'est pas un manuel de procédures et ne devrait pas être considéré comme remède universel à tous vos problèmes bibliothécaires. Cependant, on espère qu'il sera utile à ceux qui travaillent dans des bibliothèques canadiennes pour les aider à découvrir les rapprochements et les différences qui existent entre elles et vis à vis les bibliothèques des sciences de la santé aux Etats-Unis. Nous aimerions aussi répandre des renseignements qui touchent sur des ouvrages de référence, des fournisseurs et des modes de procéder particulièrement canadiens.

Cet ouvrage est basé sur le Guide to Canadian Health Science: Information Service and Sources écrit par Phyllis Russell et publié en 1974 par la Canadian Library Association, et sur des épreuves préparatoires à une révision rédigées par Martha Stone en 1978/79. Lorsque cette série d'articles aura paru au complet, l'Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada envisage d'en publier une édition révisée et de les réunir dans un volume. Ceci marquera l'occasion de la première publication d'un ouvrage exprès par l'Association et doit être vu comme un effort en commun qui exige la collaboration de tous les membres. Nous encourageons nos membres de chapitres de nous faire part de leurs commentaires et des corrections à apporter, pour assurer que les renseignements fournis sont à la fois exacts et utiles. Le produit final devrait être le résultat d'un effort coopératif, alors s'il vous plaît aidez-nous.

Nous sommes dans l'obligation de nous excuser auprès de nos collègues francophones pour la nature unilingue de cette publication. Nous avons l'intention de publier la version finale dans les deux langues. Cependant, le coût de traduction et le temps requis ne nous permettent pas de produire les chapitres préparatoires dans le deux langues.

## P R E F A C E

The purpose of CANHEALTH is to provide Canadian health libraries with a source for the "Canadian content" of their work, and to attempt to show how health libraries in Canada fit into the wider Canadian and North American context. CANHEALTH is not a library manual, and it should not be seen as the panacea for all a library's problems. We hope, however, that it will help those who work in Canadian libraries to discover the many differences and similarities which exist between their own libraries and health libraries in the United States. We hope they will also become acquainted with particular Canadian reference tools, suppliers and procedures of which they were not aware.

The present work is based on the Guide to Canadian Health Science: Information Services and Sources written by Phyllis Russell and published by the Canadian Library Association in 1974, and on preliminary drafts of a revision prepared by Martha Stone in 1978/79. When this series of articles is completed the Canadian Health Libraries Association hopes to publish a revised edition in one volume. This will be the first "occasional paper" published by the Association, and it should be a joint effort shared by all membership. We urge Chapter members to take particular responsibility to send us corrections and comments, in order that the facts can be both correct and useful. The final product should be the result of a cooperative effort by all of us. Please help.

We apologize to our francophone colleagues for the unilingual nature of this work as it now appears. We intend that the final version will also appear in French. The costs of translation in both time and money, however, make it impractical to produce the draft chapters in both languages.

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RESOURCE LIBRARIES

As has been mentioned in earlier chapters no library can expect to provide for all the information needs of its users. All libraries will, from time to time, have need of material they do not own and to seek information held elsewhere. The lending of materials has been dealt with under Interlibrary Loan but there is another kind of sharing which is also vital to the provision of high quality library service, the sharing of expertise.

In the health field the major national resource is CISTI (the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information). CISTI, to quote their annual report, is "a national resource for scientific, technical and medical information for industry, universities and government". CISTI attempts to ensure that all titles indexed for MEDLINE are held by a Canadian library; picking up unique subscriptions cancelled elsewhere.

The easiest way for health libraries to access CISTI's information is to contact the Health Sciences Resource Centre. The HSRC is a section within CISTI which provides information services and support to the Canadian health science community. If you have a reference question you are unable to answer or want to find an expert or a scientific translation in a particular subject the HSRC can help you. They can also help in advising you on the establishment of a Medlars Centre as the HSRC is a Canadian co-ordinator for the NLM's Medlars service. (Further information on the establishment of Medlars centers was given in the chapter on On-line Services). Full information on the services of CISTI in general and the HSRC in particular can be obtained from HSRC.

In 1978 CISTI established an Advisory Committee on the Health Sciences Resource Centre. This Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Director of CISTI on the programmes and services of HSRC. The membership consists of three members appointed by CHLA/ABSC, one member appointed by the ACMC/AFMC Special Resource Committee on Medical School Libraries and one member appointed by the Section de la Santé of ASTED. The present Chairman is M. Bérnard Bédard, Chef Services Externes, Bibliothèque de la Santé, Université de Montréal (CP 6128, Succ. A, Montréal H3C 3J7). Reports of meetings of the Advisory Committee are given regularly in Bibliotheca Medica Canadina.

The National Library of Canada was established in 1953 and, as a legal deposit library, is entitled to receive two copies of all Canadian publications. Apart from the legal deposit items the library's collection is concentrated in the areas of social and behavioural sciences and the humanities. Though the collection is not strong in the health sciences it has a very large collection of Canadian government documents - both Federal and Provincial.

The National Library is also responsible for the operation of the Canadian Book Exchange Centre (CBEC). CBEC "functions as a national clearinghouse into which institutions can channel library materials they do not need and from which they can obtain a variety of publications". CBEC prepares list of items (usually serials which it has available) but will also accept requests for specific issues if these are made on 5" x 3" cards. Application forms for participation in the centre's activities are available from CBEC. The National Library also publishes National Library News which keeps one up-to-date on activities in the National Library and copies of this are available free on request.

Another service of the National Library of value to health science libraries is the Library Documentation Centre which was established

in 1970. The Centre's basic mandate is "to ... facilitate the use of the library science resources of the National Library to meet the needs of Canadian librarians and researchers". (National Library News 14:7, July/August 1982). The Centre publishes bibliographies on various topics and those available are listed in National Library News from time to time.

Another National resource library is the Departmental Library of the Department of National Health and Welfare in Ottawa. Although the mandate of the Health and Welfare Library is to serve the information need of the Department, it does have a collection in public health which is of great value to the Canadian health library community and makes it available through photocopy and inter-library loan. The Library publishes a number of bibliographies and acquisitions lists which are available on request.

Apart from these three national resource libraries in Ottawa there are a number of large and/or specialized collections throughout the country which serve as resource libraries. Chief among these are the 16 medical school libraries which act as resources for their regions. Some, such as Dalhousie and Manitoba, have staff specializing in regional outreach while others such as McGill University, allow local health professionals to borrow material and to request on-line searches. A list of the Medical School Libraries is appended to this chapter.

A listing of other specialized collections could be never ending and the brief list below is designed to encourage further requests for listing in our revised edition. Please send your suggestions to the Editors of CanHealth. It is also useful to check the subject index to Health Sciences Information in Canada, Libraries published by CISTI. (The 1982 edition costs \$15.)

#### Useful addresses

Health Sciences Resource Centre  
CISTI  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0S2  
(613) 993-1604

Departmental Library  
National Health and Welfare  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A OK9  
(613) 992-5743

National Library of Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N4  
Documentation Centre (613) 995-8717  
Reference (613) 995-9481

ALBERTA

Medical Library  
 University of Calgary  
 Calgary, Alberta T2N 2T9

Heath Sciences Library  
 University of Alberta  
 Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E1

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Woodward Biomedical Library  
 University of British Columbia  
 2075 Westbrook Place  
 Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1W5

MANITOBA

Medical Library  
 University of Manitoba  
 770 Bannatyne Avenue  
 Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0W3

NEWFOUNDLAND

Health Sciences Library  
 Health Sciences Centre  
 Memorial University of  
 Newfoundland  
 St. John's, Newfoundland  
 A1B 3V6

NOVA SCOTIA

Health Sciences Library  
 W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences  
 Library  
 Dalhousie University  
 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 4H7

ONTARIO

Bracken Library  
 Queen's University  
 Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6

Vanier Library  
 University of Ottawa  
 11 Somerset Street East  
 Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9A4

ONTARIO

Science and Medicine Library  
 University of Toronto  
 Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A5

Health Sciences Library  
 Medical Sciences Building  
 University of Western Ontario  
 London, Ontario N6A 5C1

Health Sciences Library  
 Health Sciences Centre  
 McMaster University  
 Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3Z5

QUEBEC

Bibliothèque Scientifique  
 Université Laval  
 Cité Universitaire  
 Québec, Québec G1K 7P4

Medical Library  
 McGill University  
 3655 Drummond Street  
 Montréal, Québec H3G 1Y6

Bibliothèque de la Santé  
 Université de Montréal  
 C. P. 6128  
 Montréal, Québec

Bibliothèque des Sciences  
 de la Santé - CHUS  
 Université de Sherbrooke  
 Sherbrooke, Québec J1H 5N4

SASKATCHEWAN

Health Sciences Library  
 University of Saskatchewan  
 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0W0

Specialized CollectionsAddictions

The Library, Addiction  
Research Foundation  
33 Russell Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5S 2S1  
(416) 595-6144

Cancer

The Library, Cancer  
Control Agency of B.C.  
2656 Heather Street  
Vancouver, B.C.  
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(604) 873-6212

Chiropractic

C.C. Clemmer Library  
Canadian Memorial  
Chiropractic College  
1900 Bayview Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4G 2E6  
(416) 482-2340

Dentistry

Sydney Wood Bradley  
Memorial Library  
Canadian Dental Association  
1815 Alta Vista Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1G 3Y6  
(613) 523-1770

Family Medicine

Canadian Library of Family  
Medicine, Science Library  
University of Western Ontario  
London, Ontario  
N6A 5B7  
(519) 679-2537

History of Medicine

Academy of Medicine  
William Boyd Library  
288 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5S 1V8  
(416) 964-7088

Osler Library  
McGill University  
3655 Drummond Street  
Montreal, P.Q. H3G 1Y6  
(514) 392-4331

Nursing

Helen K. Mussallem Library  
Canadian Nurses Association  
50 The Driveway  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K2P 1E3  
(613) 237-2133

Occupational Health

The Library  
Canadian Centre for  
Occupational Health and Safety  
250 Main Street East  
Hamilton, Ontario L8N 1H6  
(416) 527-6590

Prevention of Handicaps

Saskatchewan Institute on  
Prevention of Handicaps  
Box 81, University Hospital of  
Saskatchewan, Saskatoon,  
Sask. S7N 040  
(306) 343-3630

Statistics

Statistics Canada has public  
statistical information offices  
in many parts of the country.  
Consult your local telephone  
directory under Government of  
Canada - Statistics Canada

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This guide depends for both accuracy and completeness on your help. Please send the Editors your suggestions for further chapters and corrections to those already published. In particular we welcome comments on the lists we have already published and names to include in a listing of library binders and equipment suppliers we hope to publish soon.

PLEASE HELP!

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LUNG

Canadian Cancer Society: facts on lung cancer. 1982. pamphlet.  
An illustrated pamphlet giving recent treatment information on lung cancer. Source: Canadian Cancer Society as above.

Living with lung cancer. By Barbara G. Cox. (with M.D. collaboration) 1977. 81 pp. paperback. index. glossary. illus. This book is highly recommended to help patients and their families live with lung cancer: should be mandatory reading. From the Mayo Clinic. Source: Schmidt Printing Inc. P.O. Box 6006, Rochester, MN 55901.

NUTRITION

Eating Hints: recipes and tips for better nutrition during treatment. (NIH) 80-279. By the U.S. National Cancer Institute. 1980. booklet. index. illus. 86pp.

This, in addition to the Aker book, is very useful and readable, particularly as it provides tips for patients undergoing treatment, experiencing appetite loss, nausea, soreness of mouth, etc. Recipes included. Based on interviews with cancer patients.

Source: The U.S. National Cancer Institute as above.

A Guide to good nutrition during and after chemotherapy and radiation.

By Sandra Aker et al. 2nd ed. 1978. booklet. illus. 133pp. This booklet provides information for the patient on dealing with side effects from therapy, as does "Eating hints..." Recipes included. Source: Research Dietary Sources. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. 1124 Columbia Street, Seattle, WA 98104.

Something's got to taste good: the cancer patient's cookbook. By Joan Fishman and Barbara Anrod. 1981. paperback. 222pp.

This book stresses imaginative, well-tolerated recipes. The recipes are particularly suitable because they are designed to be easy-to-prepare. For the whole family. Treatment information excluded.

Source: Andrews and McMeel, Inc. Time and Life Bldg. Suite 3717, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020.

RADIATION THERAPY

The Facts about cancer...By C.E. McKahn. see chapter on radiation therapy. Listed in full under "GENERAL" in this list.

Radiation therapy and you: a guide to self help during treatment. (NIH) 80-2227. By the U.S. National Cancer Institute. 1980. booklet. illus. 17pp. Source: The U.S. National Cancer Institute, as above.

SKIN

Canadian Cancer Society: facts on skin cancer. 1982. pamphlet.

An illustrated pamphlet giving recent treatment information on skin cancer. Source: Canadian Cancer Society as above.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: David Noble, Librarian  
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## RAPPORT - LA SECTION DE LA SANTÉ, ASTED

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Depuis le dernier congrès, les membres de la section santé de l'Asted ne sont pas restés inactifs. Le comité pour la section santé est composé des personnes suivantes: Louise Deschamps, présidente (bibliothèque médicale de l'hôpital Notre-Dame de Montréal), Camil Lemire, vice-président (bibliothèque médicale de l'hôpital Louis-H. Lafontaine), Robert Aubin, secrétaire (bibliothèque médicale de l'hôpital Rivière-des-Prairies), Johanne Hopper, conseillère (bibliothèque para-médicale de l'Université de Montréal) et Maryse Boyer, conseillère (bibliothèque médicale de l'Institut de réadaptation de Montréal).

Présentement, nous avons déjà accompli quelques tâches. Par exemple, monsieur Camil Lemire a préparé un projet de lettre pour inciter le gouvernement fédéral à choisir Montréal comme site d'un éventuel centre international de bio-technologie. Cette lettre a été soumise au président de l'ASTED monsieur Richard Green, pour approbation et signature.

Lorsque cet article paraîtra nous aurons probablement tenu notre journée d'étude (le 27 mai 1983) sur la télé-référence. Cette journée avait pour but d'informer les personnes oeuvrant dans les bibliothèques de la santé sur les différentes banques de données mises à leur disposition, leurs coûts, leurs possibilités, etc.

Pour l'année 1982/1983, nous nous sommes fixés certains buts. Nous allons offrir notre aide aux bibliothèques publiques afin de les aider dans l'acquisition de la documentation médicale pouvant être utile à la population. Nous avons aussi l'intention de réviser les statuts de la section santé de l'Asted.

De plus, nous voulons favoriser la collaboration entre les hôpitaux et les bibliothèques universitaires d'une même région.

Très bientôt nous allons commencer à préparer l'atelier pour le prochain congrès de l'Asted qui se tiendra à Montréal à la fin du mois d'octobre 1983. Nous pensons que le thème général de cet atelier sera: "promouvoir le rôle du spécialiste de la documentation auprès des autres professionnels de la santé".

Et voilà pour la liste des activités de la section santé; nous tâcherons de vous tenir au courant de leur déroulement.

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## TOWARDS COMMUNICATION IN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP - PLANNING FOR THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

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Section of Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries, IFLA

Readers of the Bibliotheca may recall the report on the Canadian contribution to the fourth International Medical Library Congress (Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana, v.2, no.6) which described uses of a grant from the Canadian International Development Agency to support congress participation from the developing world. In the interval since September, 1980 when the Fourth International Medical Congress was held in Belgrade, health librarians have been working to evaluate the results of this congress and to implement the recommendations of the general assembly. The recommendations were made available to all members of the Canadian Health Libraries Association at the CHLA meeting in Montreal in 1981.

These recommendations were action-oriented, designed to shape health information delivery in support of the goal of the World Health Organization - "Health for All". The recommendations concerned the role of health librarians as members of the health care delivery team, the education and training of health librarians, material and resources development, and information transfer. These recommendations were drafted by an international committee with special emphasis on their use amongst medical librarians from the developing world. During a recent meeting of the Section of Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Montreal, 1982, they were re-evaluated and their progress towards implementation was reviewed.

The section of Biological and Medical Sciences of IFLA is responsible for the planning of the 5th International Congress on Medical Librarianship to be held in Tokyo, Japan, 1985. The Organizing Committee for this Congress, chaired by Irwin Pizer (University of Illinois at the Medical Center) is made up of representatives from IFLA, the Medical Library Association of India, The Library Association (UK), the National Library of Medicine, the Canadian Health Libraries Association, the New Zealand Library Association, the World Health Organization, the Medical Library Association, Bibliothecaria Medicinae Fenniae, the International Development Research Centre (Canada), the Japan Medical Library Association, the Association of African Medical Librarians, the Institute for Scientific Information in Medicine (DDR), and the Institute for Military Documentation (Yugoslavia).

In early 1982, the Japan Medical Library Association extended an invitation to hold the Congress in Tokyo, and the dates selected were September 30 to October 4.

During the recent IFLA meeting in Montreal, the members of the Japanese local Organizing Committee met with the Working Group to continue planning for the 1985 meeting. The theme of this congress will be "One World: Resources, Cooperation, Services". The President of the Japanese Organizing Committee is Dr. Kazuyo Shimai, M.D., Professor of Keio University School of Medicine, and President of the Japan Medical Library Association.

The Congress sessions will occupy four full days. The day preceding the Congress opening will be devoted to training (continuing education) opportunities

and tours of local libraries. An Exhibits program will be arranged offering attendees the opportunity to review the latest available library technology, supplies, equipment and services.

It is expected that the Congress registration fee will be between \$150 and \$200 US.

To be kept informed of further Congress developments, and to receive registration materials when they are issued, please send your name, institutional affiliation and mailing address to:

Irwin H. Pizer  
Chairman, 5ICML Organizing Committee  
Library of the Health Sciences  
University of Illinois at the Medical Center  
P.O. Box 7509  
Chicago, Illinois 60680 USA

TELEX: 20 6243

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## CINQUIEME CONGRÈS INTERNATIONAL DE BIBLIOTHÉCONOMIE MÉDICALE

La Japan Medical Association sera l'hôte du congrès qui se tiendra à Tokyo le 30 septembre jusqu'au 4 octobre de 1985. Le thème du congrès est la suivant: "Les bibliothèques médicales - Un monde: ressources, coopération et services."

Les séances du congrès occuperont quatre jours entiers et la journée précédent l'ouverture du congrès sera consacrée à la formation (éducation permanente) et à la visite de bibliothèques locales. Il y aura un programme d'expositions pour permettre aux participants du congrès de se mettre au fait des plus récents progrès en bibliothéconomie - techniques, fournitures, équipement et services notamment.

Les frais d'inscription au congrès se situeront entre \$150 et \$200 U.S.

Pour être tenu au courant de l'organisation du congrès et pour recevoir les documents d'inscription lorsqu'ils seront prêts, veuillez faire parvenir votre nom, le nom de votre institution et son adresse à:

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## FROM THE HEALTH SCIENCES RESOURCE CENTRE, CISTI

- MARILYN E. SCHAFER  
Head,  
Health Sciences Resource Centre

In Canada we have one organization charged by legislation and cabinet directive to develop and maintain one decentralized information network for the natural sciences, technology and health sciences. That organization is the National Research Council of Canada, which delegated the operational responsibilities of the scientific and technical information program to one of its divisions, the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI).

Within CISTI, the Health Sciences Resource Centre since its creation in 1968, has served and continues to serve as a focal point for the bio-medical community into the full range of CISTI services. Functionally, it is a section within CISTI reporting to the Assistant Director along with Information Services, Document Delivery, Cataloguing and Acquisitions. However, unlike the other sections, the HSRC reports to the Director of CISTI on policy matters.

HSRC was established in response to the "Firstbrook Report" which is noted in the list of accomplishments of the Special Resource Committee on Medical School Libraries of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges published in v.4#4 of this journal. One of the three major recommendations of the Firstbrook Report was that the HSRC provide coordination and support of reference services, including MEDLARS. Locations services, interlibrary loan and photocopy services and translations indexing services are all provided by other sections in CISTI, with HSRC often being the first point of contact for the user in the biomedical community. In 1969 the Canadian MEDLARS network began.

Included under the provision of MEDLARS services in Canada are a variety of functions such as training Canadians to use MEDLARS, a hot-line service for MEDLARS Centres and a monthly bulletin for Canadian users. The HSRC also provides biomedical reference service and is responsible for two publications:

Canadian Locations of Journals Indexed for MEDLINE (annual)  
Health Sciences Information in Canada: Libraries (biennial)

Since its inception the MEDLARS network in Canada has grown to over 160 Centres using over 6000 connect hours annually on the system. While universities and government departments form the highest percentage of online clientele, industry and government are the highest users of the reference services.

The HSRC has an Advisory Committee with representation from the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges (1), the Canadian Health Libraries Association (3) and the Association pour l'avancement des sciences et techniques de la documentation (1). This is a CISTI committee which has been set up to give the user community greater input into the priorities of the Centre. Both the Head of the HSRC and the Director of CISTI are ex-officio members of the committee.

Through this column the Head of the HSRC is able to give you information about the activities of the Centre and new and interesting glimpses into CISTI's other services and its collections. We will continue to keep you posted on new developments.

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## LE CENTRE BIBLIOGRAPHIQUE DES SCIENCES DE LA SANTÉ, ICIST

- MARILYN E. SCHAFER  
 Chef, Centre bibliographique des sciences  
 de la santé

Par législation et par directive du cabinet, le gouvernement a mandaté un organisme, de développer et maintenir un réseau d'information décentralisé dans le domaine des sciences naturelles, de la technologie et des sciences de la santé au Canada. Le Conseil national de recherches du Canada a reçu ce mandat et délègue les responsabilités opérationnelles du programme d'information scientifique et technique à une de ses divisions, l'Institut canadien de l'information scientifique et technique (ICIST).

A l'intérieur de l'ICIST, le Centre bibliographique des sciences de la santé agit, depuis sa création en 1968, comme point de convergence de la collectivité biomédicale pour tous les services de l'ICIST. En fait, cette section à l'intérieur de l'ICIST se rapporte au directeur adjoint comme le font les services d'information, de fourniture des documents, de catalogage et des acquisitions. Toutefois, à la différence de ces autres services, le CBSS se rapporte au directeur de l'ICIST pour toute question de politique générale.

Le CBSS a été mis sur pied en réponse au "Firstbrook Report", dont on fait mention, dans le V. 4:4 de la présente revue, dans la liste des réalisations du Comité consultatif des bibliothèques des facultés de médecine de l'Association des facultés de médecine du Canada. L'une des trois principales recommandations du rapport Firstbrook était que le CBSS coordonne et appuie les services de recherche bibliographique, y compris le service MEDLARS. Les services de repérage, de prêt entre bibliothèques, de reproduction et le répertoire des traductions sont tous mis à la disposition des utilisateurs par d'autres sections de l'ICIST. Le CBSS est souvent le premier point d'accès des membres de la collectivité biomédicale à ces services. Le réseau canadien MEDLARS voyait le jour en 1969.

Les services MEDLARS au Canada ont diverses fonctions, notamment de former les Canadiens dans l'utilisation du système, de maintenir un service de dépannage téléphonique à l'intention de tous les centres et de faire paraître un bulletin mensuel s'adressant aux utilisateurs canadiens. Le CBSS offre également un service de recherche bibliographique en biomédecine et se trouve à l'origine de deux publications:

Dépôts canadiens des revues indexées pour MEDLINE (publication annuelle)  
 Information en sciences de la santé au Canada: bibliothèques (publié  
 une fois à tous les deux ans.)

Le réseau MEDLARS au Canada compte maintenant plus de 160 centres qui représentent plus de 6000 heures de connexion au système par année. Les universités et les ministères du gouvernement ont le pourcentage le plus élevé d'utilisation mais, l'industrie et le gouvernement utilisent le plus fréquemment les services de recherche bibliographique.

Le CBSS se fait conseiller par un Comité consultatif composé d'un représentant de l'Association des facultés de médecine du Canada, de trois représentants de l'Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada et d'un représentant de l'Association pour l'avancement des sciences et techniques de la documentation. Ce Comité a été mis sur pied par l'ICIST afin de permettre un plus grand apport de la collectivité dans les priorités du Centre. Le chef du CBSS et le directeur de l'ICIST sont, tous deux, membres d'office du Comité.

Grâce à la présente rubrique, le chef du CBSS peut vous informer sur les activités du Centre et donner un aperçu valable des autres services offerts à l'ICIST. Nous vous tiendrons au courant des nouveaux développements.

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## CHLA MEMBERS SPEAK OUT...

### NUCLEAR ARMS PROTEST FROM B.C.

The Health Libraries Association of British Columbia recently spoke out on the subject of nuclear arms. A letter from the fifty-three members of the association to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and to other Canadian government officials had three proposals:

1. that Canada and its federal government do all possible to bring about a global nuclear arms freeze
2. that Canada refuse to allow the testing of the cruise missile or any other weapons of war on its soil
3. that Canada declare itself a nuclear-free zone.

Working with health information, members are very aware of the appalling medical consequences of nuclear war. Writing letters to politicians was felt to be a concrete and useful way of protesting the nuclear arms buildup.

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### GROUP WANTS WITCH DOCTOR

FROM: THE CHRONICLE-HERALD  
Thursday, March 10, 1983.

The legislature's select committee on health Wednesday heard a most unusual suggestion to improve the province's health care system.

In a written submission to the all-party committee, the Nova Scotia division of the Canadian Pensioners Incorporated suggested a witch doctor should be brought to the province.

Prof. Doreen Fraser told the committee witch doctors are "making a comeback in African countries because of the inadequacies of Western medicine."

She said witch doctors have been proven "not to be quacks and are teaching western doctors a great deal."

"Perhaps we should bring one to Nova Scotia," she suggested.

Prof. Fraser said later in an interview she was being serious in her proposal.

The group presented a total of 47 recommendations to the legislature committee dealing with a variety of health-care issues for senior citizens.

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## ANNUAL REPORTS: CHLA CHAPTERS AND COMMITTEES 1982 - 1983

### HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (HLABC)

Submitted by: SHARON ROBERTSON,  
President

This past year of recession and retrenchment has made itself felt in many HLABC member libraries through cut-backs, curtailments, and compromise. Our Association has reacted to the challenges imposed by these restrictions by rallying with an increased spirit of cooperation and commitment.

Cooperation has been the main theme of all our meetings this year whether general, executive or committee. It was with the intent of promoting greater cooperation among our membership that the executive experimented with an informal, non-structured "Rap" session at our general meeting in December. During the break between the formal business meeting and the programme/social portion of the evening, we opened the floor to any and all queries, complaints or kudos that anyone cared to air. Several surprising bits of information came to light, problems were identified, discussed and in some cases solved then and there. In general, the whole experience was so successful we plan to make it a scheduled part of at least two of our quarterly meetings.

Cooperation has also been the keynote of our various committee endeavors. The hard-working Health Education Committee headed by Kathy Ellis, compiled, published and distributed to all public libraries in B.C., a selected bibliography of lay-oriented health guides. This committee is now investigating ways of assisting the Patient Education Service at the new Childrens' Hospital in Vancouver.

The Union Serials List Committee, under chairman David Noble, has spent considerable time this year examining the usefulness, scope and ways and means of establishing such a work. The latest report is that the project is "Go".

Our newest committee on Library Cooperation was formed chiefly to promote various projects that would involve inter-library cooperation not only among the health libraries of B.C. but, hopefully, between the health library network and those of other library systems in the province and across Canada. Towards this goal, the committee is now working on several projects: a B.C. health library directory, a union list of new serials based on the acquisitions of our larger/special health libraries, a compilation of the various sources for statistics relevant to the B.C. and Canadian health scene, and perhaps most important, ways of serving the information needs of special user groups such as hospital pharmacists, physiotherapists, etc.

Our Continuing Education Committee hopes to sponsor a workshop in May on the American Medical Association service, AMA Net.

Programmes at this year's meetings have covered a range of topics. In September, Jane Price, Co-ordinator of the UBC Teaching Hospitals Network, brought us up to date on the development of the newly inaugurated system. We were entertained at our December meeting by two management films from the John Cleese (of Monte Python fame) organization. In March at our annual Victoria meeting, Mr. Rick McFadden, Co-ordinator of University of Victoria's new Health Information Science programme, the first of its kind in Canada, gave us an over-view of the programme and its first year of operation.

As mentioned in an earlier report, Vancouver will be the host city for the Pacific Northwest Regional Chapter of the Medical Library Association's annual meeting to be held in October 1983. The Vancouver planning committee of PNRC/MLA, most of whom are HLABC members, have planned an interesting and exciting schedule of events for the occasion -- cocktails in the famous Vancouver Aquarium for openers.

The Nominating Committee is preparing for our elections in May (the provincial elections will, I am sure, be anticlimactic) and the members of the 1983/84 executive will be announced at our AGM on June 10. Diana Kent, our present President-Elect, will at this time become our 1983/84 President.

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### OTTAWA/HULL HEALTH LIBRARIES GROUP (OHHLG)

### LA GROUPE DES BIBLIOTHEQUES DE LA SANTE D'OTTAWA/HULL

Submitted by: DORIS FOSTER  
President

Four meetings were held during 1982-83 with an average attendance of eighteen. Speakers gave interesting talks on such varied subjects as videodisc technology, microprocessors in the library, and the history and mission of the Health Sciences Resource Centre at CISTI. A tour of the new Health Sciences Library at the University of Ottawa was given at one meeting and a talk on cancer treatment and research by a member of the Ontario Cancer Foundation's medical staff will complete the year's programme. The Annual Meeting and final one of the year will be held on May 19, 1983.

There have been two innovations of note this year for the OHHLG. At the Annual Meeting in May, 1982, the group voted in favour of collecting a fee of \$10.00 per member per year. This was done at the September meeting and has provided not only a petty cash fund but a small financial cushion which can be used when special activities such as workshops are being planned. The other innovation is that the group will co-host, with the Ontario Hospital Association Region 9 Hospital Libraries Group, an MLA Continuing Education Course on May 4, 1983. The course selected is CE 128 "Management of Reference Services." A Continuing Education Committee has been struck which will consider the possibility of hosting a one-day course or workshop annually.

#### Executive 1982-83:

President:	Doris Foster, Health Protection Branch Library Services, Health and Welfare Canada.
Vice-President:	Margo Beres Hawley, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.
Secretary:	Kyunga Shin, Ottawa Civic Hospital.

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### TORONTO MEDICAL LIBRARIES GROUP

Submitted by: CAROL MORRISON,  
Past President, TMLG

The enthusiasm and participation of our membership made 1982/83 a busy and productive year for the Toronto Medical Libraries Group (TMLG). We now have 131 members from over seventy institutions.

Our first meeting in October was hosted by Eva Gulbinowicz at the Forensic Sciences Centre where we learned about the work of the Centre and also heard from

Robin Laperriere about the many programmes of the Overseas Book Centre. Our Christmas Party at the Ontario Cancer Institute Staff House has become an annual tradition. Once again our members enjoyed dinner, wine, and good cheer. In January, Margaret Robins welcomed us to the Women's College Hospital. Our guest speaker was Dr. Edward Fish who brought us up to date on research in diseases of the breast. Tsai-o Wong hosted our March meeting at the Mississauga Hospital. Mrs. Nancy Myers gave an excellent presentation on time management. At our annual dinner meeting in May we were very fortunate to have Professor Michael Bliss, author of the award winning book "The Discover of Insulin", as our guest speaker.

The group is now in the midst of computerizing our Union List of Serials and, if all goes according to schedule, the new edition should be available in early summer. As the Union List will be an ongoing project with possible annual revisions, a Standing Committee on the Union List has been established.

A Committee on the Constitution has been charged with the task of reviewing/revising the TMLG Constitution to ensure that it accurately states the purpose, principles, and laws of TMLG.

The Academy of Medicine Library, an excellent clinical collection in the city, changed its policies in 1981 limiting the privileges allowed under its institutional memberships. Representatives from TMLG met with the Academy of Medicine Executive to discuss the problems this change caused. We also submitted a position paper to the Academy Board containing our comments on the situation and recommendations. The Academy has since revised its policy and we have met with their Library Committee to discuss revised institutional fee schedules.

Many of our members have expressed interest in starting an online users group. A computer use survey has been conducted and we hope to have a meeting early next year.

The Executive for 1983/84 are:

President	Elizabeth Uleryk, McMaster University Health Sciences Library
President-Elect & Programme Co-ordinator	Jan Greenwood, Ontario Medical Association Library
Secretary	Beverly Brown, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College Library
Treasurer	Margaret Robins, Women's College Hospital Medical Library (elected for a third term)
Past President	Carol Morrison, Ontario Cancer Institute Library

I wish to thank the 1982/83 Executive for the excellent job they have done this year. It was a joy working with them and with the many other TMLG members who contributed to our meetings and special projects. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as President and I wish our President-Elect Elizabeth Uleryk an equally active and productive term of office.

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#### WINDSOR AREA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

Submitted by: ANNA HENSHAW,  
Secretary

It has again been a busy year for our small group. This year a new meeting pattern was tried. All 13 members (including Windsor, Chatham and Sarnia) met at quarterly meetings, with the core group (3-6 members) meeting in between to

discuss the business of the Windsor institutions only. This has worked well so far.

The serials list was again revised, group purchasing of journals again reviewed and a new program for a repository journals collection within the city was finalized.

This program designates one institution as the repositor for one core serial (either as repositor from 1950 forward or current repositor for 15 years). This allows the other institutions to discard their back serials as per their policies, knowing that it is available free from the repositor. Each institution has been designated for 5-10 journals, and agreements are signed with the administrator to keep these.

Meetings attended included the Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group, with which the Interlibrary Loan Agreement is in effect. We were also represented at the Michigan Library Consortia meetings concerned with inputting a Michigan state-wide serials listing (including Windsor) into OCLC.

Two members attended the OMA Health Librarians Conference in October in Toronto and reported to the association.

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#### JOB CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Submitted by: ELIZABETH A. REID,  
Chairperson

The committee has spent the year gathering information on job descriptions. It was felt that descriptions were basic to the subject of job classification and might explain some of the irregularities in classification, especially in the hospital setting. The focus of this committee is the small health sciences library, as it is less likely to be considered as a separate specialized staffing area when surveys are conducted among the institution's personnel. Preliminary results show that the lack of good job descriptions leads to problems such as incorrect assumptions about level of duties, misunderstanding of abilities of trained library staff, etc. The library staff member is at a disadvantage relative to other health professionals with whom the personnel officer must deal. Also, other health professionals, tending to belong to larger more visible groups, make it their business to be well understood. Library staff have the challenge of being recognized as one of these groups, let alone dealing with the other problems mentioned. Therefore, several factors affect job classification and job classification affects various job benefits and ultimately, the quality of service provided.

The committee has eastern and central representation and is looking for western contributions. Next year (June '83-May '84) the committee will go on to another activity, upon direction from the CHLA Board. Anyone interested in joining the committee or in forwarding ideas for the committee to consider, please contact the chairperson as soon as possible. A commentary on job descriptions may be published in the BMC at a later date; perhaps this could include several "case reports", showing our diagnostic and therapeutic (or palliative) efforts!

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

- CORRESPONDENT: PATTI-REAY STAHL

What lovelier spot to celebrate spring in British Columbia than flowering Victoria? And who better to share a spring evening with than friends and colleagues of the Health Libraries Association of B.C.? This was the consensus among those who gathered at the University of Victoria for the March 18 meeting. Dorothy Grieve and the Island members hosted a friendly and informative evening, featuring guest speaker Mr. Denis Prott, director of the new Health Information Science program at the University of Victoria.

Many members took full advantage of the setting, turning the excursion into an overnight stay and enjoying a bit of shopping and sight-seeing before catching the ferry home.

The next meeting is our AGM and pre-summer round-up, an almost purely social extravaganza, to be held June 10 in Vancouver. The serious side will show during the election of the new executive that evening.

In B.C., as in the rest of the country, the "news" is lay-offs and cut-backs. Well, we had a break from the bleak here recently with the announcement of three part-time library positions becoming full-time. Sharon Robertson, librarian at Lion's Gate Hospital in North Vancouver is now full-time, as are Hoong Lim at Burnaby General and Linda Einblau at the British Columbia Medical Library Services.

### SCIENCE AND MEDICINE LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO HOSTS "REFERENCE REFRESHER"

- CORRESPONDENT: SANDRA LANGLANDS,  
Reference Librarian, Science and Medicine Library

While most people were suffering mid-February blahs, librarians in Toronto teaching hospital had a brief respite from their usual routine. They were invited to visit the Science and Medicine Library at the end of a working day to participate in a "Reference Refresher", where they viewed a selection of reference materials of interest to hospital librarians.

As a research library with responsibility to a large faculty of medicine and 25 affiliated teaching hospitals, the Science and Medicine Library acquires a wide variety of reference tools. Hospital librarians may be unable to purchase many of these tools for their own collections due to space and/or budget constraints. However, knowledge of the available tools helps local hospital librarians to utilize the Library's reference assistance more effectively when their own resources do not unearth the required information.

Titles for the session were selected by Elizabeth Reid, Toronto Western Hospital, and Reference Staff <sup>1</sup> at the Science and Medicine Library from back issues of "New Reference Titles Received", a bimonthly list prepared in-house.<sup>2</sup> All materials were displayed in a conference room equipped with comfortable chairs and a coffee percolator. Hospital librarians dropped in to browse. No formal remarks were made and no program, other than that defined by individual preference, was followed.

Participants agreed that the session had been useful and enjoyable. In addition to looking at the reference resources, people took the opportunity to chat and to transact other business. Most notably, Verly Empey could be seen seeking nominations for CHLA spring elections.

This type of session is recommended as one way in which a university library can assist hospital librarians. The session took relatively little time to prepare and was beneficial to participants.

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1. Thanks to S. Sedani and M. Conchelos.
2. Available only to University of Toronto teaching hospitals. No requests please.

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## PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

MARJORIE MORPHY, formerly the Reference Librarian at the Academy of Medicine Library, has been appointed Librarian at the North York General Hospital.

MISS CATHERINE WISENBERG has been appointed Reference Librarian at the Academy of Medicine Library.

ANGELLA LAMBOU, presently the Assistant Medical Librarian at Montreal Children's Hospital, has been appointed to the position of Reference Librarian-Computer Services at the McGill University Medical Library. She succeeds Susan Hamrell.

DOROTHY FITZGERALD has been appointed Health Sciences Librarian at McMaster University effective August 1, 1983. Dorothy is currently the Librarian, Canadian Library of Family Medicine which serves the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

PHYLLIS RUSSELL plans to take an early retirement from her position as Head, Health Sciences Library, University of Alberta effective September 1, 1983. Phyllis will remain at the University in the capacity of Special Assistant to the University Librarian until December 31, 1983.

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## UPCOMING COURSES

### MODERN DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

OFFERED BY: The British Council  
 PLACE: London, England  
 DATES: 23 October - 4 November, 1983

This course is designed for senior medical librarians, especially in Europe and the developing world. The emphasis of the course will be on the organisation and management of all types and sizes of medical libraries whether part of university systems, medical schools, research establishments or independent institutions, and will take full account of recent technical advances, concentrating on automation, networking, staff training, reader services and medical library research. It will be so structured as to consist of a blend of seminars, exchange of experience and discussion, practical work studies and carefully selected visits. With over 500 medical libraries in the United Kingdom, a wide variety of methods, problems and solutions will be explored. Course members should therefore expect to find either solutions applicable to their own situations or sufficient stimulus to generate fresh ideas relating to their own unique or specific problems.

The course will be held at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, under the direction of Fiona Mackay Picken, Regional Librarian to the North West Thames Regional Health Authority.

The following topics will be included in the course:

- automation in management
- networking
- staff training
- reader services
- research.

It is hoped that the programme will include visits to the British Library (Research and Development Department), University of London Library Resources Co-ordinating Committee (including the Central Information Service), the City University and various libraries where automation is part of the day to day work. Where appropriate course members will be given the opportunity to have 'hands-on' experience in various fields of automation.

#### Qualifications of members:

Members should be medical and health librarians in senior managerial and executive positions, from countries where medical librarianship is already established.

Fees: £695 (Residential), £405 (Non-residential)

Applications: APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO APPLY BEFORE 30 JUNE 1983.

The British Council has been developing its successful programme of short specialist courses over the last 30 years as part of its role of encouraging cultural exchanges between Britain and other countries. Distinguished British specialists, many with world-wide reputations, are invited to direct these courses and are responsible for their professional content.

Applicants resident in Britain and candidates from the United States of America and from Switzerland should apply to the Director, Courses Department, The British Council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA. Telephone: 01-499 8011.

Proficiency in English:

Members of the course must be proficient in written and spoken English in order to derive the maximum benefit from attendance.

Travel to and from Britain:

Members must make their own travel arrangements to and from the course centre. Return reservations should be made whenever possible before members leave their own country as it may be difficult to make them while in Britain.

Accommodation:

No provision is made for accommodation before or after the course. The British Council may be able to assist if sufficient notice is given but it can accept no financial obligations for this service.

While this is mainly a residential course, there will be limited provision for some non-resident members. Non-residents must make their own arrangements for accommodation and for daily travel to and from the course venue.

For resident members the fee includes the cost of lectures and excursions during the course and the cost of bed, breakfast and lunch, but not the cost of dinner. The fee for non-resident members will cover tuition, tea, coffee, lunch, opening dinner, social programme and travel for any special visits forming an integral part of the course. In all cases no requests for reductions or refunds will be entertained.

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## LIBRARY POSITION AVAILABLE

The University of Alberta Library invites applications for the position of Head, Health Sciences Library. Qualifications required include a degree in library science, administrative experience, and a background in health sciences.

Reporting directly to the Chief Librarian, the incumbent is responsible for operation and development of the Health Sciences Library with particular responsibility for planning, policy formulation, budget preparation and control, and staff deployment. Oversight of the collection development process and liaison with teaching departments is also involved. The Health Sciences Library will move into new quarters in the Health Sciences Centre in 1984. At that time it is expected that the incumbent will supervise seven professional staff and fifteen support staff.

The position is classified at the Librarian 5 level, with a salary range of \$40,644 to \$50,528 (1982-83). The date of appointment is September 1, 1983. Applicants should send curriculum vitae, transcripts of academic record, and the names of three references to Peter Freeman, Chief Librarian, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2J8. Closing date is June 15, 1983. The University of Alberta is an equal opportunity employer.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER - MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association will meet October 13-15, 1983, at the Sheraton-Landmark Hotel in Vancouver, B.C. Plans include a discussion of the pro's and con's of Medicare, as well as other topics of current interest.

Take this opportunity to see the new sights in Vancouver--the exotic Amazon Gallery at the Aquarium in Stanley Park, the roofed B.C. Place Stadium, the colourful Granville Island market, and the Courthouse in Robson Square--as well as the many previously renowned attractions of the city.

CHLA/ABSC members are welcome. Registration information may be obtained from:

Patricia Lysyk  
 Woodward Biomedical Library  
 The University of British Columbia  
 2198 Health Sciences Mall  
 Vancouver, B.C. Canada  
 V6T 1W5

Mark your calendars now.

### UPSTATE NEW YORK AND ONTARIO CHAPTER - MLA

The 1983 annual meeting of the Upstate New York & Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association (UNYOC/MLA) will be held in Toronto, Ontario.

Date:      October 12-15, 1983  
 UNYOC meeting - Thursday, October 13  
           to Friday, October 14  
 NLM Update - Wednesday, October 12  
 CE Courses - Saturday, October 15  
           (Topics to be announced)

Place:     Delta Chelsea Inn  
 33 Gerrard Street West  
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Theme:     Wearing Two Hats: Librarian/Manager

We urgently need to know how many members are considering attending the meeting in October in order to book adequate facilities. N.B. This is not a commitment to attend.

If there is a good possibility that you will be coming, please contact:

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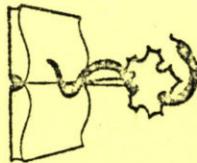
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